



The Garfield Bell

October 2025

October 2nd

Booster Club Meeting 8:15

October 3rd

Chalk on the Walk

October 4th

Pastels on the Plaza

October 7th

Picture Day

Track Meet Willow Creek

October 9th

School Board Meeting 4:00

Track Meet Fortuna

October 10th

Paleotechnic Day

Grades 5 and 6

October 16th

Great CA Shakeout

Track Meet Championship
Arcata

October 18th

Booster Barn Dance

October 31th

Parade

Halloween Carnival

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Superintendent's Message:

We are excited to have several activities during the month of October such as Chalk on the Walk, the Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, Apple Pressing, the Wrangletown Barn Dance, the Great CA Shakeout and Garfield's Halloween Celebration. As always, we appreciate the level of dedication and partnership families regularly demonstrate for the benefit and enjoyment of our educational community.

Best regards,
Michael Quinlan

Chalk on the Walk

We had a great day on Friday as we enjoyed one of Garfield's most creative traditions. Students were able to participate in Garfield School's Annual Chalk on The Walk. For this activity each classroom was assigned a time to decorate a square on our track. It is amazing to see the incredible artwork created by the students! Students prepared sketches of their artwork earlier in the week to use. This is a chance for Garfield students to be colorful, creative, and share their artistic talent!

The Wrangletown Barn Dance

One of our favorite fall traditions at Garfield is kicking up our heels at the Booster Club's Wrangletown Barn Dance at the Freshwater Grange. This fundraising and fun-raising event takes place Saturday, October 18th from 4:30-7:00. Admission is \$10.00 for participants 13 and older. Children 12 and under are free! An organic beef chili or vegetarian chili dinner with cornbread will also be available for purchase for \$8.00 per plate. Cider will be available for \$1.00 and dessert prices at the bake sale table will vary depending on the goody. You can also try your luck at the traditional cakewalk for \$2.00. This year's event will feature lessons and dancing led by Blake Ritter on fiddle and Caller Sue Moon.

Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult while attending this event. Children are expected to adhere to school rules during this and any other school events.

Pastels on the Plaza

Each year, Northcoast Children's Services raises funds for child care with a festive celebration of art on the Arcata Plaza. Businesses, schools, and individuals pay to have an artist design and decorate a square in chalk pastel. The proceeds go toward children's medical services, child care, and other important services for young children. Garfield once again participated through a Booster Club donation. This year one of our 6th Grade students, Calvin Angleton, worked to produce Garfield's artwork. The event took place on Saturday, October 5 from 9-12:00.

The Pumpkin Patch

Many of our Garfield students got to ride the bus to the Co-op pumpkin patch Wednesday, October 1st. We left soon after the recess bell! Students had the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of pumpkins, choose a favorite pumpkin to bring back and enjoy a lunch in the fresh, autumn air. Thank you to the Co-op for their generous support.

The Great CA Shakeout

International ShakeOut Day is always the third Thursday of October. The date for this year's event is October 16th! The Great California ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "[Drop, Cover and Hold On](#)." The ShakeOut began in Southern California in 2008 as a drill designed to educate the public about how to protect themselves during a large earthquake, and how to get prepared. Great Shakeout Earthquake Drills are now held in more than 20 Official ShakeOut Regions.

Halloween Celebration

Fall traditions are piling up as we, once again, celebrate Halloween with a costume parade and carnival. This year we will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31st. Students are invited to wear costumes to school on Halloween. As you plan your costume purchases or home created costumes, please remember costumes must be school appropriate (no gore, weapons, or revealing costumes). Hand-held accessories and masks should also be left at home for safety purposes and to prevent loss or damage. In keeping with Garfield tradition, we will parade around the neighborhood at 12:30 and then enjoy a Halloween Carnival, created and hosted by the Upper Elementary students for the younger students, at approximately 1:00

Garfield Booster Club

The next Booster Club meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6th at 8:45 AM. All are welcome to attend!

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on Thursday, October 9th at 4:00 PM. The agenda can be found on our school website at <http://www.garfieldschool.org/> prior to the meeting.